

EXPERIENCE
SUCCESS

EXPERIENCE
TRADITION

EXPERIENCE
EDUCATION



CONTACT

Old Taupo Road, Rotorua
P. 07 348 0156
E. principal@rghs.school.nz

www.rghs.school.nz



PROSPECTUS



Rotorua Girls' High School
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND



WELCOME to RGHS

Nau mai, Haere mai.

We are proud of our school, which has challenged and supported young women since 1959.

Girls who attend our school are encouraged to believe in themselves and their ability to succeed. We strive to create opportunities for our women to grow and develop their talents, academically, culturally and athletically.

Rotorua Girls' High embraces the challenges of the 21st Century. We support our girls to become creative, critical and caring thinkers and confident, resilient, young women.

Come join us and start the journey of life long learning.

Sarah Davis , Principal



FAQS

Why go to a girls' school?

A girls' school creates a culture of strong academic achievement where they are confident and assertive learners. They feel free to compete and take risks and can create outstanding opportunities that open doors to the world beyond school.

How big is this school?

We have over 600 students along with over 40 fulltime and part-time staff. Our class sizes are approximately 20-25 students, which creates excellent opportunities for student learning.

What subjects can I take?

In the Junior school you will have compulsory English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Te Reo Māori and PE/Health. You will also get to experience Technology and the Creative Arts.

In the Senior school there is a plethora of subjects you can choose from.

What sports can I play?

Rotorua Girls' High School offers a huge range of sports including Rugby, Waka Ama, Netball, Basketball, Squash, Outdoor Bowls, Touch Rugby, Badminton, Hockey, Table Tennis and many more.

What cultural activities can I join?

We offers a wide range of cultural activities. These include Production, Kapa Haka, Dance Crews, Pasifika Group, Choir, Art Clubs, Band and Community Service Groups.

Is there a different summer and winter uniform?

The basis of the uniform is the same all year round - the difference is the shoe choice. In summer terms (Terms 1 and 4) students wear black Roman sandals and in the winter terms (Terms 2 and 3) students wear plain black shoes with black stockings.

Who do I contact for enrolments or other enquiries?

Wai Morrison
wmorrison@rghs.school.nz

Rosemary Juergens
rjuergens@rghs.school.nz

Phone: 07 3480156

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Orientation Day: Tuesday 24th November
8.30am - 2.30pm.

Yr 9 Testing: Monday 7th December
3.30 pm in the PAC

Notice of class placements 2021:
Monday 14th December via email





EXPERIENCE OUR SCHOOL

“We are proud of our school, which has challenged and supported young women since 1959. All the girls who attend our school are encouraged to believe in themselves and their ability to succeed. Leadership is important to us and we provide many opportunities for our young women to experience this”.

Rotorua Girls’ High has a tradition of academic excellence and crafting remarkable leaders. Our vision of excellence is inspired by dedicated classroom teachers. We personalise learning environments that meet the aspirations of students, their families, and society.

Our young women are the heart of our school, and core values underpin an innovative and vibrant learning environment. Our young women are respectful and caring. They are challenged to achieve.

Since the establishment of our school we have strived to support our girls in where their passion lies - be it sporting, academic, cultural or the arts. We understand the ever changing world we live in and make it our goal to provide the guidance, stability and support needed for them to succeed within it.

To reinforce student learning we provide extensive opportunities to experience Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), whether this be through trips, outside providers, or visiting speakers or groups.



EXPERIENCE SPORTING SUCCESS

Sport and Outdoor Education is considered an essential component for the development of all our girls. There are many opportunities for students to broaden and enhance their education through sport with opportunities for national and international sporting excursions. We provide excellence facilities for our girls such as our ARENA.

Rotorua Girls’ High School continues to produce and foster athletes who represent at regional and national levels, with a few reaching international fame. We have teams and individuals sitting in the top tier of their chosen sport.

Participation is encouraged, and all our students step up to take part in the school’s annual sporting events, including Athletics, Cross-Country, Swimming and Inter-House events.

Sport will always be a big part of our students’ lives here at Rotorua Girls’ High School, as they continually strive to be the best in their pursuit of excellence at all levels.

SPORTS WE OFFER INCLUDE:

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Ki-o-Rahi, Netball, Rugby, Squash, Swimming, Touch, Volleyball, Waka-ama, etc.



OUR VISION

“Where young women belong, contribute and excel with purpose.”

OUR MISSION

To create a connected culture of excellence.

OUR VALUES

T - The Willingness to Learn
RESILIENCE

E - Engaging to Achieve
INTEGRITY

A - Always Showing Respect
RESPECT

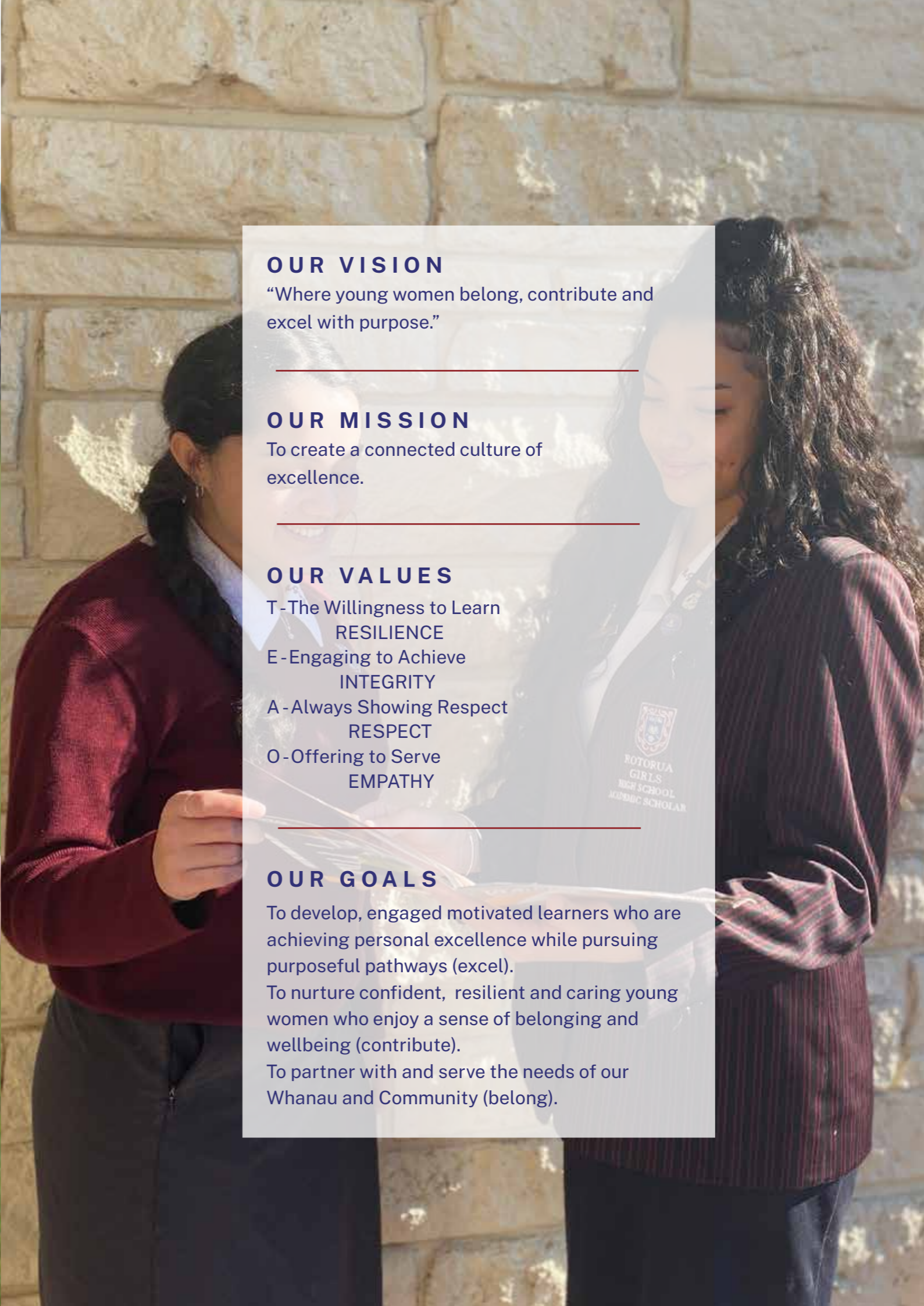
O - Offering to Serve
EMPATHY

OUR GOALS

To develop, engaged motivated learners who are achieving personal excellence while pursuing purposeful pathways (excel).

To nurture confident, resilient and caring young women who enjoy a sense of belonging and wellbeing (contribute).

To partner with and serve the needs of our Whanau and Community (belong).



EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

We pride ourselves on our ability to cater for the academic needs of all students by offering flexibility within our curriculum. We offer creative and innovative courses alongside traditional subjects.

CURRICULUM

We offer the traditional English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Social Science subjects, along with vibrant Technology and Arts options such as Dance, Drama, Fine Arts, and Music.

Students are encouraged to follow their passion and become lifelong learners.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior students complete optional subjects in addition to their core programme. These come from Creative Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Marautanga (Te Whare Tapere o Nga Kohine), Technology (Digital, Fashion, Food) and Visual Arts.

Our program gives students the building blocks needed for them in their journey throughout life.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Students can choose from an extensive range of courses which have been carefully designed so that students have the right skills for their chosen future pathways. Credits in courses are towards National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 1, 2 and 3.

Full course options are available on our school website, www.rghs.school.nz, or simply make a request for our curriculum guide.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

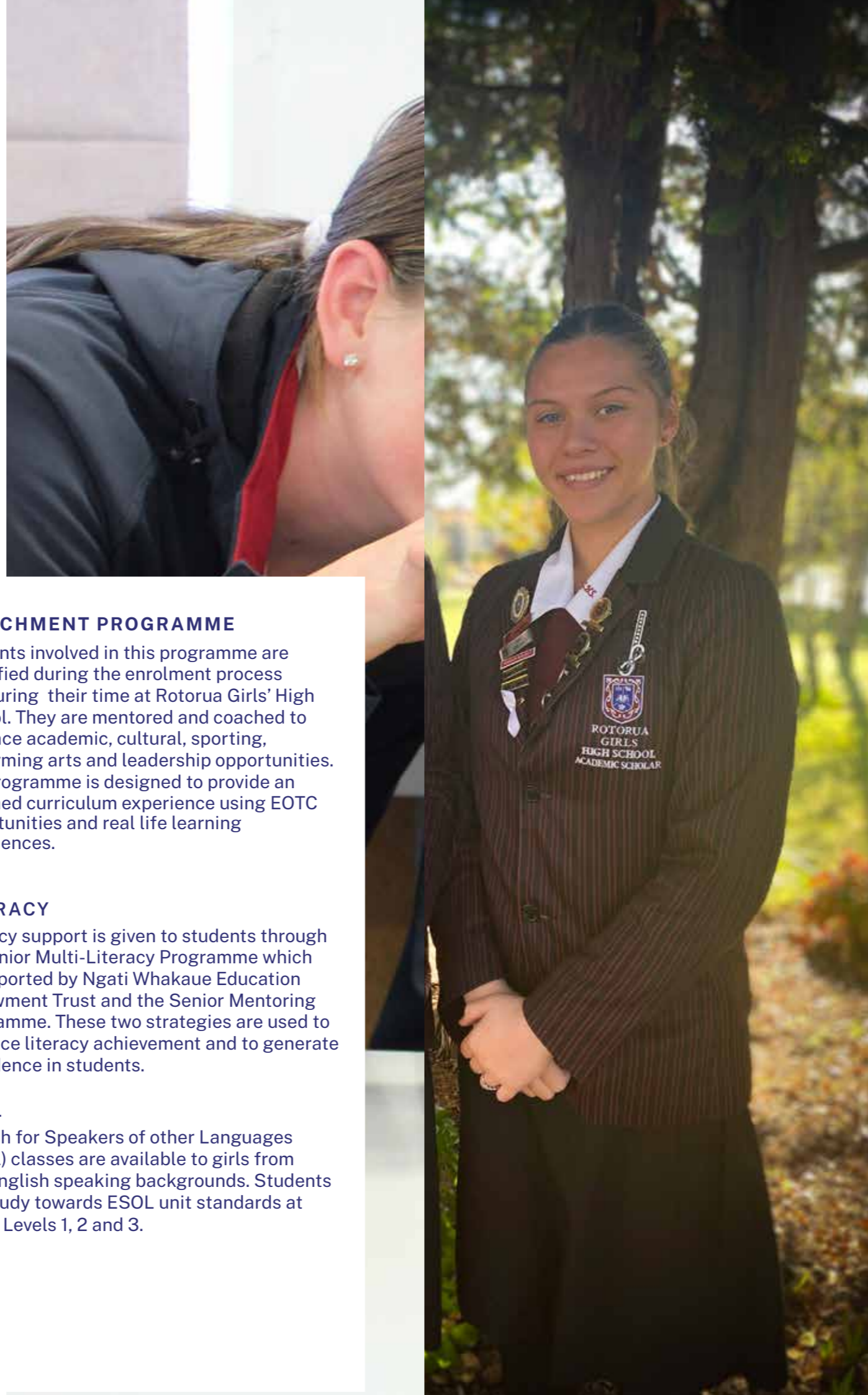
Students involved in this programme are identified during the enrolment process and during their time at Rotorua Girls' High School. They are mentored and coached to embrace academic, cultural, sporting, performing arts and leadership opportunities. The programme is designed to provide an enriched curriculum experience using EOTC opportunities and real life learning experiences.

LITERACY

Literacy support is given to students through the Junior Multi-Literacy Programme which is supported by Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust and the Senior Mentoring Programme. These two strategies are used to enhance literacy achievement and to generate confidence in students.

ESOL

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) classes are available to girls from non-English speaking backgrounds. Students can study towards ESOL unit standards at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.



At RGHS, I have been able to embrace my culture through nga kohine and Raukura Kapa Haka. As a proud Maori, I feel comfortable to speak Te Reo in class, which makes me feel good to know that I do not have to hide that part of myself. We embrace all cultures here at RGHS.

Friendships are easy to come by at RGHS as the school fosters an accepting and inclusive environment. Not only is it easy to make friends here, but you will make lifelong friendships. I still hang out with the same group of girls that I started my journey with in Year 9 and I want to thank them for enriching my high school experience. I will forever be grateful to my peers and the teachers as without them I would not be the same person I am today. They have pushed me to be a better version of myself with their encouragement, support, and the fact that they have never given up on me.

You will be academically challenged at RGHS and you will be all the better for it. I too have had to meet this challenge head on, and I am proud to say that I have had great success. The learning here is engaging and stimulating. My favourite subjects are Physics and Chemistry because they are enjoyable and interesting. I hope to continue pursuing my love of science at university and I have RGHS to thank for helping me find a potential career path.

I remember the first game of basketball I played for RGHS as a Year 9. It was a nerve-wracking experience but also exciting. I looked up to the seniors at the time and knew one day that would be me. We won that game, which hooked me in and there was no turning back. After that first game, I have gone on to play and represent the school proudly throughout my entire high school career. We have had many wins since then and some losses, both of which taught me important life lessons. It taught me discipline, loyalty, and striving to be the best regardless of the outcome. Playing for and representing the school has been one of my most enjoyable high school experiences thus far and I recommend any student coming to RGHS sign up to play sports for the school. There is something for everybody here as we have a range of sporting codes on offer.

Taini Paul-Tomoana, 2020 Head Girl.

EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP

Leadership is a valued quality at Rotorua Girls' High School, which can be demonstrated in a variety of areas. The skills and qualities that our girls develop enable them to step forth into the future with a strong sense of purpose.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elected positions held by our Year 13 students include: Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Academic Captain, Sports Captain and Arts Captain. We have leadership opportunities for House Leaders, CATCH and BOT representatives.

Student Council, Pasifika Fono, Environmental and Kahui Rangatahi are committees that meet regularly to share students' opinions on school matters. They are involved in fundraising and sharing their unique ideas to the entire school body. They support local and national community appeals, which is a very important aspect of our school.

In order to prepare for these positions Year 13 students are provided with opportunities that expose them to the realities and the skills required for leadership.



EXPERIENCE WELLBEING

Every student is respected, challenged and inspired.

We care about students from all cultures and backgrounds and ensure each one leaves as an empowered young woman. The wellbeing of all students is paramount here at Rotorua Girls' High School.

At our school you will find a strong community feel including:

PASTORAL CARE

We believe that you learn best when you feel valued and are actively engaged in your learning. Positive relationships between teachers, students and whanau are essential for learners to thrive. Teachers encourage you to fully participate in class so you can get the most out of your learning experience.

MENTORING

Learning dialogues where you share your learning with your family. Individual counselling for personal issues available at all times. Careers advice available at all times. Families always welcome in the school.

WELLNESS CENTRE

Our onsite wellness centre offers students confidential advice from the centre coordinator, school nurse, guidance counsellor and visiting GPs. They also have access to the mobile dental clinic, drug and alcohol counsellors, adolescent health nurse, psychologist and youth worker.

ACADEMIC REVIEW

Students, whanau and teachers will meet throughout the year to discuss academic achievement, attendance and career pathways.



EXPERIENCE ARTS & CULTURE

We strive to provide excellent Arts and Cultural opportunities at Rotorua Girls' High School. Students have the opportunity to study Dance, Drama, Maori Performing Arts, and Music, as well as Fine Arts such as Painting, Design and Photography.

OPPORTUNITIES

Including but not limited to:

- Productions
- Regional and National Shakespeare competitions
- Kapa Haka
- The Great Debates
- Pasifika Group
- Music performance
- Talent Quest
- Stage Challenge
- Dance Crew

RAUKURA

National back-to-back champions Raukura provide students the opportunity to explore their culture and language through performance.

PRODUCTION

School productions are held each year with Rotorua Boys' High School. Past productions include: Jesus Christ Superstar, Passengers, Aida, The Wiz, Hairspray, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. This year our students alongside Rotorua Boys' High will perform in the musical Saturday Night Fever.

XECUTE

Rotorua Girls' High School Hip Hop Dance Crew Xecute encourages student creativity in choreography. This is open to any student with a passion for dance.



EXPERIENCE TRADITION



DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DAME JANE HARDING

Jane Harding attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 1969-1972. Studying both at Auckland University and at Oxford, Jane has become a distinguished professor and is currently teaching Neonatology at Auckland University. She was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship in 1978. In the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours, Jane was promoted to Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

DOCTOR CLAIRE CHARTERS

Claire attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 1988-1991. Studying at Otago University, gaining a Bachelor of Laws (honours) and a Bachelor of Arts - she went on to study at the University of New York, attaining her Masters in Laws. Returning to New Zealand she gained her PhD from Canterbury University. Claire is currently an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Auckland.



JULIA EDWARDS

Julia Edwards attended Rotorua Girls' High School between 2004-2008. Completing a Bachelor of Business, Julia is best known for her outstanding athletic accomplishments in rowing. This includes representing New Zealand in both World Rowing Championships in 2010, 2011 and 2014, and the Olympics in 2012 and 2016.



***“Rotorua Girls’ High School
is a great place to learn. My
teachers take into
consideration the things that
I want to learn about and
strive to make sure that I
succeed.”***

Awhimate Nikora
Yr 13 Student